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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF SYRO-EGYPTIAN MEETING IN RIYADH

1. SOURCE IN SYRIAN PRESIDENCY TOLD TIME CORRESPONDENT MAY 20 THAT EGYPTIANS WERE TO BLAME FOR POSTPONEMENT OF RIYADH MEETING. ON DAY BEFORE MEETING WAS TO TAKE PLACE, SOURCE SAID, EGYPTIANS HAD SENT MESSAGE TO SYRIANS (AND PRESUMABLY KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA) IMPOSING CONDITION THAT SINAI AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN RIYADH. SYRIA HAD REPLIED THAT MEETING HAD BEEN AGREED TO WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS AND SO FAR AS IT WAS CONCERNED AGENDA SHOULD INCLUDE ALL RELEVANT ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. UPON RECEIPT OF THIS SYRIAN REPLY, SOURCE SAID, EGYPT HAD REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT.

2. IN REPLY TO CORRESPONDENT'S QUESTION, PRESIDENCY
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OFFICIAL SAID JALLUD VISIT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH

POSTPONEMENT.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOURCE UNDOUBTEDLY PLACING
BEST POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION ON EXCHANGE FROM SYRIAN
POINT OF VIEW, HIS SEQUENCE OF EVENTS SOUNDS PLAUSIBLE.
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